

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby amends Chapter 7, “Hospital Pharmacy Practice,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments clarify the record requirements for identifying a pharmacist who is involved in the visual verification of a drug product or device that has been remotely verified and approved for dispensing when a hospital pharmacy is closed. The amendments further clarify that only a certified pharmacy technician may assist non-pharmacy personnel to locate a needed prescription drug when the pharmacy is closed and when the pharmacist in charge has so authorized the certified pharmacy technician.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of these rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the November 3, 2010, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9183B**. The Board received no written comments regarding the proposed amendments. The adopted amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

The amendments were approved during the January 11, 2011, meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

These amendments will become effective on April 13, 2011.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.13.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **7.6(2)“b”** as follows:

b. If the pharmacist in charge has authorized the presence in the pharmacy of a pharmacy technician or a pharmacy support person to perform designated functions when the pharmacy is closed, only a certified pharmacy technician may assist another authorized, licensed health care professional to locate a drug or device pursuant to an emergent need. The pharmacy technician or the pharmacy support person may not dispense or deliver the drug, chemical, or device to the licensed health care professional. The licensed health care professional shall comply with established policies and procedures for obtaining drugs, devices, and chemicals when the pharmacy is closed. The licensed health care professional shall not ask or expect the pharmacy technician or the pharmacy support person to verify that the appropriate drug, chemical, or device has been obtained from the pharmacy.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 7.7(7) as follows:

7.7(7) Pharmacist identified. The record of each patient-specific drug or device order processed pursuant to this rule shall identify, by name or other unique identifier, each pharmacist involved in the preview and verification of the order. The record of each patient-specific drug or device visually verified pursuant to this rule shall identify, by name or other unique identifier, each pharmacist involved in the visual verification of the product.

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